(b) No such grievance has been brought before the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

(c) No, Sir. No proposal to give income tax exemption to fish farmers at par with agriculturists is currently under consideration.

Industry drawback due to education cess

1454. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised all industry drawback rates factoring in the education cess;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this revision will meet the requirements of transparency and prevent disputes and litigations arising from alleged over-invoicing of exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) to (d) The Central Government *vide* its order dated 9th March, 2005 constituted a three-member Committee for formulation of All Industry Rates of duty drawback, 2005-06. The Committee had extensive consultations with various administrative Ministries, Export Promotion Councils and other stake holders. On the basis of recommendations of the Committee, appropriate *ad valorem* duty drawback rates were notified for various export items *vide* notification No. 36/2005-Customs (N.T.) dated the 2nd May, 2005. Thereafter, in pursuance of further recommendations of the Committee, drawback rates on certain items have been revised *vide* notification No. 102/2005-Customs (NT.) dated 18th November, 2005. Education cess has been factored in the drawback calculation.

To ensure transparency and minimise classification disputes, the Drawback Schedule has been fully aligned with Harmonised System of Nomenclature at four-digit level. The new Schedule now covers about 2620 entries comprising 685 entries at the four-digit level and 1935 entries at the six-digit/eight-digit/modified six/eight-digit level. Drawback caps have been imposed for almost all export items to preclude the possibility of misuse through over-invoicing.